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**Subject:** RE: FYI- Concern re: EPA subaward to What's Upstream website

OK – I'm on the phone with Donna now too.

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I'm going to try to find out more about this. I spoke to Donna and she said that when Ron gets back in the office, he's going to want some information. Dolores runs the Puget Sound NEP so perhaps she has some background. I will keep you updated.

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Hi Ron,

I wanted to make sure that you are aware of a hot topic in Region 10:

Agricultural groups in Washington and Idaho have expressed concern with a public outreach and education campaign on agriculture and non-point source pollution conducted by the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community in Northwest Washington. This campaign is funded under a large Puget Sound National Estuary Program (NEP) grant to the Tribal Lead Organization (the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission) through a subaward to the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community. See <http://whatsupstream.com/>.

A website "SaveFamilyFarming.org" has been established that rebuts statements and assertions made in the Whatsupstream.com website and specifically raises questions or draws note to EPA's award and subaward practices. See <http://www.savefamilyfarming.org/>.

Press coverage: <http://www.capitalpress.com/Washington/20160324/federally-funded-website-hits-at-washington-farmers>

Statement from US Senator Pat Roberts (R-Kansas, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry):  
[http://www.roberts.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=PressReleases&ContentRecord\\_id=791B30D9-1C0E-45E7-890D-ADB3D7E0BC8D](http://www.roberts.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=PressReleases&ContentRecord_id=791B30D9-1C0E-45E7-890D-ADB3D7E0BC8D)

Also, I will be transitioning out of my Acting Ag Advisor role at the end of the week. Steven Potokar will be Region 10's next Acting Ag Advisor, and will participate in the weekly calls. It's been a pleasure working with you.

## Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

Best regards,

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